# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
# LOK SABHA

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GOOD MANUFACTURING PRACTICES FOR AYUSH DRUGS
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**Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:**

(a) whether the Government has any specific Scheme to encourage and promote good manufacturing practices for AYUSH drugs and medicines;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any specific requests have been made by AYUSH drugs and medicine manufacturers for subsidy type packages and tax holidays etc;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the reaction of the Government in this regard?

## Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE(SMT. PANABAKA LAKSHMI)

(a) to (e) The Centrally Sponsored Scheme for Quality Control of Ayurveda, Siddha and Unani Drugs was started to provide assistance to Ayurveda, Siddha and Unani manufacturers to improve their infrastructure to meet GMP norms. Under this scheme, one time grant equivalent to 20% investment made by the unit subject to maximum of Rs.5.00 lakhs was provided since 9th Plan.The scheme has been revised during 11th Plan under which following assistance is being provided:-

1. Assistance to ASU&H drug manufacturing units having an annual turnover of upto Rs. 20.00 crores for acquisition of prescribed essential quality control equipments for in-house Quality Control Lab shall be limited to Rs. 30.00 lakhs or 30% of the expenditure incurred on the basis of a MoU between the manufacturing unit/State Drug Controller and Department of AYUSH with a condition that the quality control equipment purchased with Government of India assistance shall not be disposed of and that Government of India will have lien on such equipment in case of company going into liquidation.

2. ASU manufacturing units having a turnover of upto Rs. 20.00 crores shall be provided with assistance of 30% or Rs. 30.00 lakh, whichever is less for upgradation of their facilities to WHO Good Manufacturing Practices certification standards.

3. Above Centrally Sponsored Schemes is under implementation in the 11th Plan to encourage and promote compliance of Good Manufacturing Practices by Ayurveda, Unani and Siddha and Homoeopathy units in the country.Representations have been received in the past from Ayush manufacturing associations and those representations have been kept in view in revision of the above scheme.